

May 29, 2007

The Honorable Michael Mauro
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit Senate File 562, an Act relating to and making appropriations to the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Department Of Economic Development, certain Board of Regents Institutions, the Department of Workforce Development, the Iowa Finance Authority, and the Public Employment Relations Board and related matters. Senate File 562 is approved on this date, with the exception noted below, which I hereby disapprove.

I am unable to approve the item designated as Section 26 in its entirety. This provision requires the directors of a department or state agency included in Senate File 562 to examine employee telecommuting options, develop telecommuter employment policies, and implement plans designed to increase the number of telecommuting employees. Many departments maintain employee telecommuting policies currently. These policies and procedures have been in place for several years and are well established. The designated language in Section 26 directing a department or state agency to conduct an assessment of its telecommuting policy is duplicative and unnecessary and introduces a legislatively mandated management process into what is appropriately an executive branch decision. I will direct the Department of Administrative Services and the Department of Management to review the current state government telecommuting policy and make recommendations for any improvements as part of our overall executive branch strategic planning process.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove the designated item in accordance with Article III, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Iowa. All other items in Senate File 562 are hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Chester J. Culver
Governor

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